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GOING NORTH—Lake Joseph Route.

The "Medora," daily, on arrival of Muske 1. (dinner on board), for Port Carling direct, thence to Minett (late C Woodington, Port Sandfield, (supper on board), Redwood, Hamil's . Stanley House, arriving at Port Cockburn about 8 p.m.; Craigie L turdays.

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MUSKOKA WHARF.—Arrival of the Express.

The Muskoka Lakes

Canada's Highlands and How to Reach Them.

IMAGINE if you can a country among whose hills are embedded eight hundred Lakes, jewelled with Islands—such a region is **Muskoka.**

In most minds there is a nameless charm thrown round a *terra incognita*. The fancy invests it with features of delight, and the heart longs to realize the thrills which fancy promises.

Frequently the realization is a rude awakening. But was it ever so with the **Swiss Alps,** or the Scotch Lakes, or the **Muskoka Country.** The secret of the charm in each instance lies in the contact with nature in her prestine beauty and under conditions of comfort and even luxury. To wander through a land where the deer and bear make their winter home, where the crane and wild duck start at the flash of the paddle, and yet to whose gateway lines of railway converge, through whose fairy Lakes and Islands palatial steamers wind their way, is indeed to come close to that condition in which ideal enjoyment is possible.

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The Muskoka Lake Region can be conveniently reached from **Detroit, Buffalo, Toronto and Montreal.**

The railways converging at Niagara Falls send on their passengers by rail or boat to **Toronto;** from Montreal and all Eastern Points the **Grand Trunk** and **Canada Pacific Railways** carry passengers to the same point—**Toronto.** The same railways provide an excellent service from **Detroit to Hamilton** or **Toronto.** From this last point—Toronto, during the season, a fast **Steamboat Express,** fully equipped with parlor

cars, etc., leaves the **Union Station** every week day at 10.35 a.m., making the run of one hundred and eleven miles to **Muskoka Wharf** in a little over three hours. Here the Muskoka Navigation Company's fleet of steamers lies moored along the docks. Each lake has its own steamer detailed to deliver the passengers to various points.

The whole of the Muskoka district may be deemed a very sportsman's paradise. The waters of the lakes and streams yield to the angler their

A PERFECT PARADISE FOR CHILDREN.

treasures of bass, pickerel, brook trout, salmon trout and maskalonge. In the autumn months, when the woods are ablaze with color—an Indian-summer haze—and stillness rests over land and water, the sharp report of the sportsman's gun echoes among the Islands. The hunter is certain

to find almost unlimited sport, the game, embracing a large variety, from partridge, duck, geese, etc., up to deer, moose and bear.

Among the Islands nestle picturesque **Hotels** and Summer Cottages. Malaria breeding swamps are unknown. The pure waters flow in the primeval granite, the air is laden with ozone and the odours of pine and cedar.

After a careful examination extending over a wide range of country, a number of philanthropic gentlemen have established a large **Sanitarium** near **Gravenhurst** (Muskoka Wharf), the dry, bracing air being considered peculiarly beneficial to invalids.

The Lakes are situated about 800 feet above the sea level, about 500 feet above Lake Ontario, 138 feet above even Lake Superior. These

THE HEAD OF THE LAKE, (PORT COCKBURN.)

lakes have an atmosphere that is not only dry and pure, but light, a matter of great importance in cases where the lungs are affected, and bearing along with it the health-giving properties of pine forests everywhere surrounding.

Hay fever simply cannot exist here, and the patient driven from home by that scourge will find immediate relief without medication; and the victim of over-work, brought to the verge of nervous prostration, will soon find himself pulling an oar with the vigor of a voyageur.

Muskoka

as a Fishing and Health Resort

MUCH has been written about the fishing in our justly celebrated lakes and rivers, and many from all parts of this continent have enjoyed their summer outing in Muskoka, taking back to their far-distant homes delightful memories of the superb sport to be had with rod and line, and indelible recollections of the beautiful scenery and the healthful, bracing atmosphere of our northern country, so justly named the Highlands of Canada.

Very few of the many scores of anglers and tourists who annually visit the fishing waters of Muskoka are disappointed with their experience and each succeeding season generally shows up the same eager jolly crowd of former years—their ranks usually swelled by new and fresh recruits who are anxious to participate in the glorious fun in store for them.

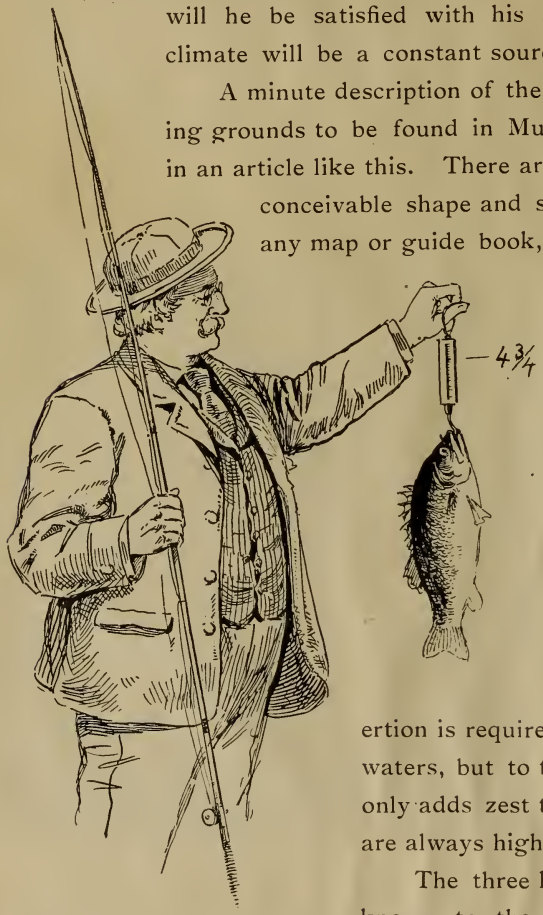
ONE DAY'S CATCH.

In the natural order of things there are always a few who go away disappointed and who tell doleful tales of poor sport, bad accommodations, etc. And right here I would inform intending visitors to our waters that, here as elsewhere, they must work for their success. I have fished in many waters, both in Canada and in the United States, and I have yet to find the lake or stream where more or less exertion and knowledge of the game sought is not a requisite to success.

The greatest amount of satisfaction is usually the result of work and exertion on the part of the angler. To those who prefer the surroundings of the drawing-room in their outings, my advice is to stay at home.

More than half of the pleasure is derived from the freedom from restraints and demands of society. The old suit of clothes, relics of many a summer campaign, is always found the most comfortable and suitable and eagerly donned by the true sportsman.

Any one who knows how and where to fish, the proper surroundings and the habits of the game he is seeking will be amply repaid, not only will he be satisfied with his sport, but the scenery and climate will be a constant source of delight.



A minute description of the immense fishing and camping grounds to be found in Muskoka would be impossible in an article like this. There are hundreds of lakes of every conceivable shape and size which are not shown on any map or guide book, but which are tributary to, or in the immediate vicinity and within easy reach of the three main lakes, Muskoka, Rosseau, Joseph, and all these contain game, fish in almost unlimited quantities.

Comparatively few of these smaller lakes have been fished by the visiting anglers, the very existence of which is unknown to them. Of course extra exertion is required to reach and fish in these waters, but to the indefatigible angler this only adds zest to his efforts and the results are always highly satisfactory.

The three larger lakes are more or less known to the angling fraternity. They afford innumerable camping and fishing grounds. They are beautiful sheets of water and are studded with hundreds of islands, many of which are owned by sportsmen and tourists hailing from the United States and Canada. On quite a number summer cottages have been built where all the comforts of a home are enjoyed during the season. But there are many others open to the public, and

campers have only to use the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of that dread scourge of the pine country, fire, and the due consideration in the destruction of timber and the natural beauty of their surroundings. Muskoka Lake is the largest of the chain and usually affords excellent fishing. Black Bass of the small mouth variety are abundant and are game to the last degree. Wall-eyed Pike, or Pickerel, are also plentiful and in weight run up to 10 to 12 lbs., and on light tackle are not to be despised for their game or eatable qualities. Salmon Trout, in the proper season, can also be caught by deep trolling, and some very large

CANOEING BY MOONLIGHT.

ones are annually taken. I would mention here that the best trolls for salmon in these waters are the "otter bait" and the "McMurray spinner." This troll stands accredited with the largest and best catches of the last two years. One McMurray, in one day, captured sixteen salmon, the aggregate weight of which was over ninety pounds.

The most successful bait are minnows, crawfish, the humble "wum," artificial flies and spoons. In the small creeks flowing into the lakes minnows are usually plentiful and crawfish can be procured in most any

part of the lake by seeking for them under broken stones or rough shores. Frogs of the small green variety also make excellent bait at times, and are abundant about marshy shores.

To be sure a tenderfoot cannot plump his line in any or every part of the lake and be rewarded by a large string, but a few days of careful observation will show him the most likely spot, and a satisfactory catch will reward him for his care.

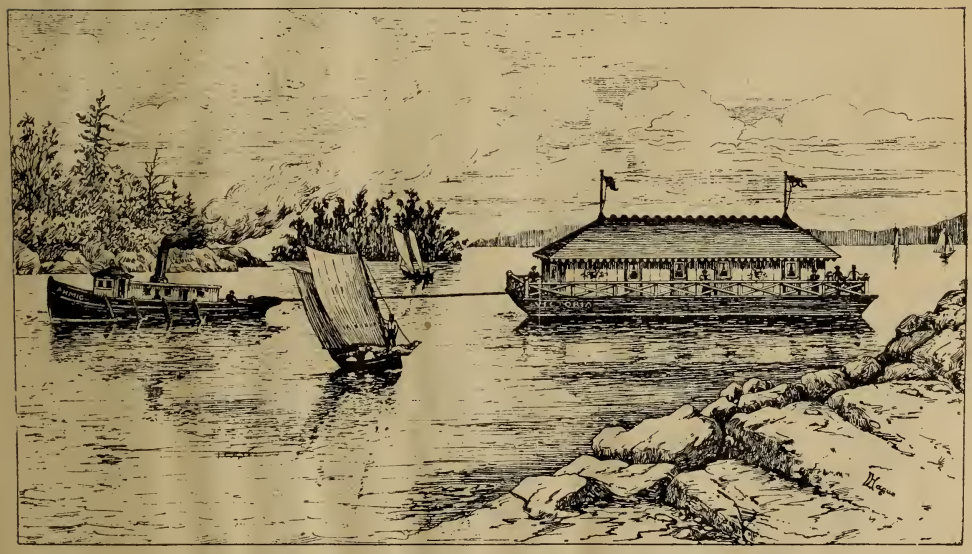
To those who prefer the comforts of a hotel, such as invalids or holiday seekers, they can be accommodated at almost any point on the three

LADIES PADDLE THEIR OWN CANOE.

larger lakes. The hotels are good and the numerous boarding houses clean and comfortable, and charges exceedingly moderate. But to the genuine camper the cost of living is an agreeable surprise. At nearly all the points, ice, that indispensable luxury, can be had either for domestic use or for sending home such trophies as may delight the unfortunate ones who are "chained to business" and who can only guess at and long for the delights of a camp life. On the large lakes small supply steamers run regularly among the numerous camps with fresh meats, vegetables, and other articles so dear to a camper's palate.

Gravenhurst, a beautiful town of about 2,500 inhabitants and nicely situated on the high land between Gull and Muskoka lakes, is the chief entrepot to the Muskoka lakes system. It is incorporated and boasts some good hotels and the reputation of being the healthiest spot in Canada, which has been abundantly verified by being the location selected in the entire province for the great National Sanitarium, which is nearing completion, and which will be one of the celebrated institutions of the continent.

To those suffering from bronchial, throat and nasal troubles, Muskoka offers the speediest relief and cure, of any place in America. Hay



THE NAVIGATION COMPANY'S HOUSE BOAT, "THE VICTORIA."

fever and asthmatic patients usually experience immediate and effectual relief upon their arrival, and are long and sincere in their praises of the pure air and climate of our lake region. The town of Gravenhurst has unexcelled railway and telegraph advantages. During the tourist season no less than five express trains arrive and leave daily; two daily mails the year around, and local telephone accommodation.

To the Muskoka Navigation Company is due, in a large measure, the pleasure and satisfaction derived from an outing in Muskoka. They have five elegantly and well equipped steamers on the lakes, and will have this season to rent, a house-boat, fully furnished and equipped, and will be

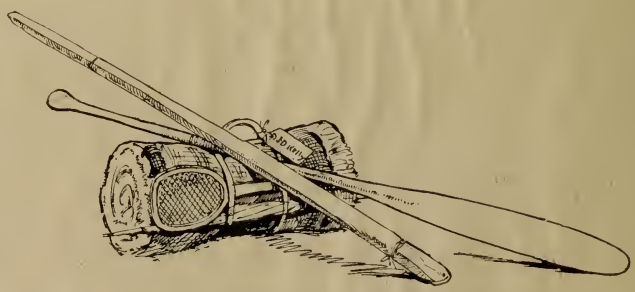
towed and moored at suitable points as the tourist may desire. The Cuisene and appointments on these boats is above reproach and is one of the attractions justly earned by the company. The officers of the company, from the genial and popular manager down to the crew, are celebrated for their uniform courtesy and kindness, always doing their utmost for the comfort of those who entrust themselves to their care.

Taking Gravenhurst as a starting-point the angler and tourist can easily reach any of the lakes mentioned. Boats, canoes, and supplies can be readily taken in, or, if preferred, one can put up at any of the hotels here and make daily excursions. The steamers will always put the camper or angler on any desired point nearest his destination. If anglers who desire to visit our lakes and streams would, before they start, ask for reliable information regarding their desires, etc., it will be cheerfully given them, and they would, in many instances, save themselves useless trouble and disappointment, and those who have no definite location in view, if they will look up the angling fraternity, every information and help will be offered them, and if they be made of the right material, they will not go away disappointed.

Finally, in laying before the sportsmen and readers of the Guide our unrivalled attractions, I am only actuated by a desire to let them know of the pleasures and delights that nature has so lavishly bestowed upon us, so that they can participate in them, and I feel assured that one visit to our lakes will only be a prelude to many others.

To the lovers of the gentle art and to the great army of campers in general, we extend a hearty welcome. Any information or help will be cheerfully and sincerely rendered.

A. P. Cornell, M.D.,
Gravenhurst.



Lake Muskoka

FOR the purposes of the Tourist only three of the countless Lakes of Muskoka need be mentioned. These are **Muskoka, Rosseau and Joseph.** **LAKE MUSKOKA** is the largest, being twenty-two miles long and nine miles wide, and its waters have to be traversed to reach the other lakes. Starting from Muskoka Wharf, all passengers are carried to the first stopping place—**Beaumaris.** At Beaumaris, about thirteen miles from Gravenhurst and situated on the east side of the lake there is a large comfortable hotel, well appointed in every

YACHTING AT BEAUMARIS.

way, and many tourists and anglers each season take advantage of its comfortable accommodation. Here also a jolly party of anglers from Pittsburg, Pa., annually make their camp and enjoy themselves as only true sportsmen can. In the immediate vicinity of Beaumaris there are many islands and good bass fishing may be had at almost any point. There are many places on this lake where fishing is good and where the tent can be pleasantly pitched, or where hotels and boarding houses afford comfort to those who prefer them to camping out. All the points or places of interest to the tourist or angler on this lake cannot be mentioned here, but suffice it to say, to those who enjoy a summer outing,

they cannot go very far wrong in selecting any place, trusting to the advice of the officers of the steamers.

The steamers for the different lakes meet here, and passengers are transferred for their various destinations.

Bala, about twenty miles from Gravenhurst, is situated on the west side of the lake, a daily calling port for the steamers. Here the Muskosh River is the outlet for the whole lake system. It pours over a beautiful fall and the scenery here is simply grand. It affords special attractions to the angler, both in camping facilities and hotels, there being several of the latter, clean, new, and comfortable. By taking a trip down the river a few miles the angler and tourist will be amply repaid, both in his catch and enjoyment of some of the most beautiful scenery in the region. About two and a half miles down the Muskosh the Moon River branches off entering the Georgian Bay some twenty miles north of the mouth of the Muskosh. In this river some splendid Maskalonge fishing

"I GOT MY FINEST FISH IN THE RAPIDS BELOW BALA

is to be had for the trouble. To the canoeist a trip down either river to the Bay is one constant source of delight and one never to be forgotten.

Again starting from Beaumaris the steamer takes us up Lake Muskoka to the Indian River, on which is situated Port Carling, and which leads into Lake Rosseau. At Port Carling there is a lock, the scene at which is frequently very lively and picturesque, several steamers, launches and innumerable boats and canoes, filled with gaily attired voyagers, crowd the approaches, while the banks are lined with guests from Stratton House and surrounding cottages, come down to catch a glimpse perchance of some friend fresh arriving in the country.

Lake Rosseau

SAFELY through the lock, we enter **Lake Rosseau,** which is fourteen miles long in its extreme points, and is one of the most interesting and charming of lakes in this region. The southern portion of the lake is fairly gemmed with islets, aud as they were early selected for their beauty and admirable situation, there are more cottages here than in any other. This part is called "Venetia," and it is aptly designated, for not in Venice itself are boats and canoes more used or needed.

BATHING AT WINDERMERE.

Passing en route Windermere, a veritable children's paradise, with its stretch of sandy beach, etc., also Maplehurst, to many the ideal place of resort on the Lake. Near this point the Shadow River, one of the most wonderful natural curiosities of the Muskoka region, empties its waters into the bay on the shores of which the Village of Rosseau stands. The river winds like a silver creek, hemmed in on either side by forest trees.

The surface is as motionless as glass, and everything is duplicated in marvellous detail, each leaf and branch having its reflected counterpart, even more distinct than it appears itself.

The scene has a Turneresque effect, resembling a well-known picture. The land, the water, the sky, are harmoniously blended in varying shades of grey, presenting a most weired appearance. A canoe creeping along

SHADOW RIVER.

in the shadow of the hither shore—a shadow scarcely distinguishable from the substance--stands out as if suspended in mid-air.

"The fair trees look over side by side,
And see themselves below."

Again starting from Port Carling, another steamer cuts across a section of Lake Rosseau to reach Lake Joseph, calling at Ferndale, Clevelands, and any other points convenient in its route, we arrive at Port Sandfield, the junction of Lakes Rosseau and Joseph. There is a large hotel at this point, which is beautifully situated, commanding an extensive

view of both lakes. So great is the desire to stay at this favored spot, that although each year its capacities have been enlarged, until now there are rooms for 200 visitors, yet the cry is "still they come." Pleasant verandahs and shady groves covering the tops of the rocky points, 50 and 60 feet above the level of the water, form pleasant lounging places.

Lake Joseph

THIS LAKE received its name thirty-five years ago from the chief of a surveying party. The Indians called it "the clear water." No rivers carry alluvial deposits into its liquid depths, and the streams that trickle into it from the small flower-bearing lakes on its margin have the happy faculty of leaving vegetable impurities behind.

A QUIET NOOK.

No town has invaded its shores ; not even a village disturbs its Sabbath stillness. On a bright, quiet day, the eye can penetrate the pure pellucid water to great depths, to count the stones on the lake bed and watch the fish lazily gliding about them. Under certain atmospheric conditions, the

shadows cast by shore of mainland and island far down into the water are marvellous, being perfect inverted reflections of the originals. Nowhere on the lakes is the scenery more beautiful than here, points and islands are numerous, and in calm weather the reflections are most beautiful, and must be seen to be realized.

The rocky but well wooded shores are as prolific in sound as in sight, every here and there answering back the human voice many times over with mocking distinctness, and the whistle of a steamer, the crack

ON BOARD THE MEDORA GOING UP LAKE JOSEPH.

of a rifle, and the thunder's peal, echo on from cliff to cliff like the reverberations of a *feu de joie* till lost in the far distance.

The yachtsman will find broad reaches of open water many miles in extent ; and the lover of calm may discover, among the islands towards the river, quiet places rarely stirred by winds and waves, even while great guns are blowing without. In the latter region, whence Little Lake Joseph opens up into the north, a revelation to the uninitiated, is the

paradise of the social pic-nicker. On the one hand, he can, in a few minutes from the shore, reach an enchanting little lake, surrounded by rugged cliffs of a great height, the summits of which, however, are

IN LITTLE LAKE JOSEPH.

accessible and naturally laid out in groves and walks, helped, no doubt, by the lumberman's axe. On the other hand, he can take the portage to Lake Rosseau, a short and pleasant walk, saving a trip of twenty miles

by steamer. And everywhere, if so inclined, he can fish, not, perhaps, catching the monsters of long ago, but still with the good prospect of hooking respectable game fish, should he be an angling artist and have skill enough to tempt the fat, lazy and over-nice, because over-fed, salmon, bass, and pickerel that infest the waters.

TAKING THEIR TREASURES HOME

The lover of vegetation will enjoy Lake Joseph, and its outlet, the Joseph River. In the autumn, when the foliage changes, and in early summer or late spring, when deciduous trees are budding, it can be seen that there is no monotony in the Joseph woods. Almost every tree that grows in Canada has its place in them, and, along the banks, from thick carpets of many hued mosses and lichens, arise the sumach and the red elder, the mountain ash and the bird cherry, to adorn the variegated foliage with their cones and clusters of rich colored fruit. Those who know the habits of wild fruit need never lack in season strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, gooseberries and blackberries; and the botanist will find himself in a region where orchids of many species bloom in profusion, with carnivorous pitcher plants and sundews, water lilies of various kinds, the spiked pickerel weed, blue-bells and black-eyed Susans, the cardinal flower and the water lobelia, the rare and beautiful Rhenia, and many strange blossoms that are almost the private property of the Muskoka country.

The almost oppressive stillness of the lake is broken at times by the weird alternate wail and chuckle of the loon, the plaintive mew of the gull, the characteristic cry of the whip-poor-will, and the nightly too-whit of the owl. An occasional eagle soars overhead, and the coaster by shallow shores can hardly fail, now and again, to startle a heron or a bittern, either wading in the water or flying with long legs stretched behind him.

The red squirrel is abundant on island and mainland, and the rabbit, or Canadian hare, is not uncommon, while mink and marten seek their food along the water's edge, too rocky for the muskrat, and the lumbering porcupine gratifies his stupid curiosity with a gaze at the passing canoe. The fox and wild cat are becoming rare, and, save in winter, the howl of the wolf is seldom heard, but the two staples of the country, the partridge and the deer, can be found in their seasons in gratifying numbers, and he who would enjoy an encounter with a bear need not be disappointed.

HUNTING ON LAKE JOSEPH.

More deer are sent down from the west shore of Lake Joseph than from any other point on the lakes.

There are several good Summer Hotels on this lake. The Hotel at Hamill's Point is a nice, quiet place to stay at.

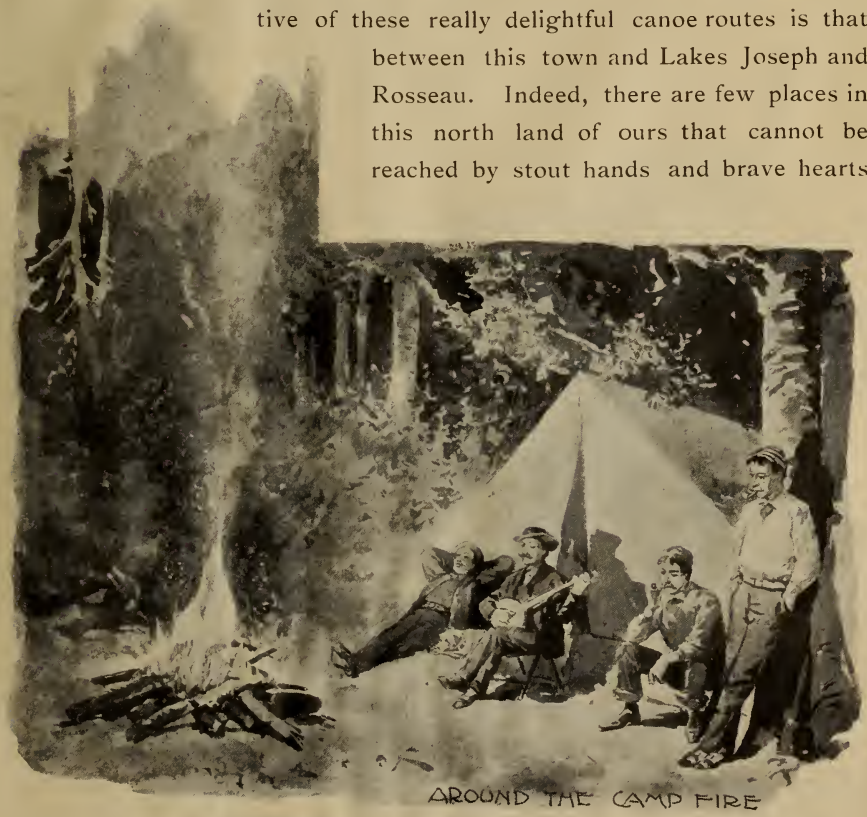
Stanley House in Shanty Bay ; and another, **Craigie-Lea House** in Little Lake Joseph, run by an American lady from Pennsylvania, a favorite resort for our cousins from the other side, so is the **Summit House, Port Cockburn,** at the head of Lake Joseph.—J. C. B.

From "North Star," Parry Sound.

Parry Sound to Lake Joseph

In Less than Ten Hours
A Delightful Canoe Trip
Down the Blackstone River and Home

ANY lover of beautiful scenery, good fishing and healthful exercise and who is at home in a canoe and not afraid of work can find in this neighborhood ample scope for the exercise of his tastes and muscles. There are numberless canoe routes in almost any direction you can name, and not the least attractive of these really delightful canoe routes is that between this town and Lakes Joseph and Rosseau. Indeed, there are few places in this north land of ours that cannot be reached by stout hands and brave hearts



AROUND THE CAMP FIRE

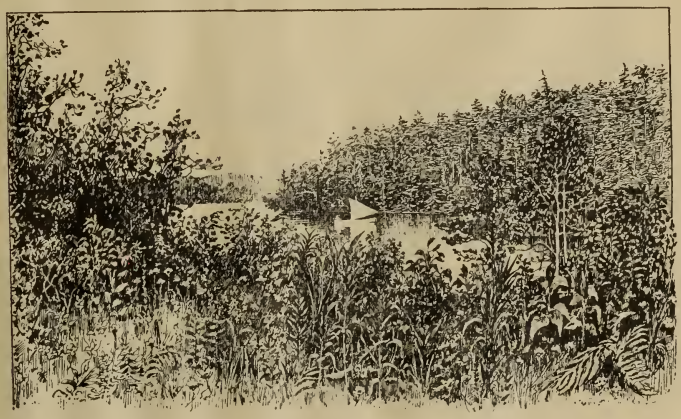
either in birch or Peterboro canoes. Not one of these many routes will be found disappointing and every one of them will amply repay the lover of canoeing for his exertions.

A party of four started in a canoe for the Muskoka Lakes, leaving at six o'clock in the morning with the determination of making Hamill's point, near the south end of Lake Joseph, before nightfall. Heading down the south channel, a paddle of four miles, and Slide Bay is reached; a carry of a quarter of a mile brings you into Canoe Lake, across this to another carry of one hundred yards into Jack's Lake, then another fifty yards portage and you will find yourself in McCoy's Lake, across this lake and over another portage of two hundred yards into Three Legged and a paddle in its beautiful waters brings the traveller to a stiff half mile carry into Boundary Lake, and another stiff half mile portage till Lake Otter is reached, one of the largest and most beautiful lakes in the District, and second only in size to Lake Joseph. On the shore of Portage Bay, a beautiful arm of this lake, is situated Woodley Manor, the scene of our recent delight-

GOING TO LAND A 35 LB. LUNGE —

ful camp, and as we passed the old camp grounds, scenes of mirth and pleasure were vividly recalled. From here a short paddle of about a mile and a half brings you to the portage into Salmon Lake over a carry of two hundred yards, down Salmon to the north-east corner of the lake and over another stiff half mile portage and Rock Lake is reached, then another paddle of three quarters of a mile and a carry of about three hundred yards and you will reach Crane Lake, another beautiful and extensive sheet of water and most queerly shaped. Down this beautiful lake for a distance of nearly five miles the traveller will be delighted with the scenery and if he is a fisherman he will be sure to drop a line, for the fame of Crane Lake as the home of big bass and bigger maskinonge is becoming more than provincial and is even international, for on its shores we found two or three large parties of Americans, one party of six belonging to the Toronto Canoe Club, one

party from Rosseau, and two parties from Lake Joseph. One enthusiastic fisherman paused long enough from his beloved pastime to gaze at our little canoe with its load of four men and camp baggage and asked, "Where are the rest of you." Seeing the canoe was pretty well filled, we took that as a joke at our expense and continued on our way. Up Crane creek into Blackstone Lake is nearly a mile and a lovely trip it is. Even the far-famed Shadow River cannot surpass it for the beauty of its shadows, but so much dead timber killed by the lumberman in holding back the water in spring takes from it much of its beauty. A good mile and a half across one end of Blackstone and over an eighth of a mile of portage, very steep at one end, brings us into a pretty little lake called Half Moon. A quarter mile portage,



AN INLAND LAKE.

not difficult, and we reached Burnt Lake; from the name one might infer that this lake would not be much to look at because it indicates shores destroyed by fires, but we found only one side of it burnt for a short distance and the remainder of the lake a gem, some three quarters of a mile in length with a large bay extending away off to the south-east. Three quarters of a mile over a hard portage takes us into Robinson Lake, on the east shore of this lake is the well-known Robinson settlement of Conger. Down this lake about a mile to the south end and over a good mile portage we arrived in Portage Lake, across this lake about two miles and a short paddle down a pretty little creek aud we reach Lake Joseph, less than ten hours from

the time we left Parry Sound. Down the famous Lake Joseph, the gem of the Muskoka lakes, with its many pretty cottages and dotted with canoes, sail-boats, and skiffs, we had a pleasant paddle of an hour and twenty minutes and arrived at Hamill's Point in time for supper with friends who summer at Point Claremont. Spending a pleasant evening with these friends and after enjoying a pleasant night's rest we left at nine o'clock next morning for Rosseau. Crossing Lake Joseph into Little Joe, a distance of about five miles, we made a good half mile portage into Morgan's Bay, Lake Rosseau.

ALL ONE FAMILY.

After consuming a few quarts of milk supplied by Mrs. Morgan, we again set out and reached Maplehurst at 12.30. We found Maplehurst thronged with visitors and mine host Brown happy and very gracious. After a very excellent dinner with friend Brown we paddled up the famed Shadow River and spent the afternoon with friends at Ashdown, two of whom had shared our pleasures in the camp at Woodley Manor, to which we have referred.

Stern necessity compelled us to turn our steps toward home and it was dark when we reached Portage Lake. Here we pitched our tent. Bright and early next morning we started on our homeward journey, over the same route to Crane Lake and then down the Blackstone River, across Blackstone Harbor, and up Moon River Bay to San Souci, where we caught the good ship City of Toronto, and reached home the same evening.

It would require the pen of a poet and the brush of a painter to do justice to the beauties of the Blackstone and then its loveliness would have to be seen to be fully appreciated. With a kodak we caught some glimpses of its beauties. All canoeists who are in search of really beautiful trips, and every person who loves fishing in lakes as yet almost untouched by the anglers' line, should make some one of the many canoe trips here to be enjoyed.

Georgian Bay ... to the Muskoka Lakes

By the P. S. Railroad

THE railroad has opened up a new district and numerous lakes that before were almost inaccessible. This road crosses the G.T.R. between Huntsville and Burk's Falls, at **Scotia**, from which place it has been completed to **Rose Point** (Parry Sound), on the Georgian Bay, and trains are now running through from Ottawa. The trip from **Port Cockburn** to **Parry Sound** has been shortened considerably, and it is more convenient to those taking the round trip. It is only 8 miles by stage from Port Cockburn to **Maple Lake Station,** on the O.A. & P.S. Railway, and thence by rail to Rose Point, on Georgian Bay (the present terminus of the road), near the **Rose Point Summer Hotel** and the Steamboat Wharf of the **North Shore Navigation Company,** whose steamers ply between Midland and Parry Sound (see advertisement). At the latter place is situated the **Belvidere Hotel,** which is opened during the summer season, being specially intended for tourists. The North Shore of Georgian Bay constitutes one of the most picturesque regions in the world, from the almost countless number of islands of every form and variety with which its borders are studded. Good safe channels have been discovered for steamers right through the centre of the magnificent archipelago.

THE STAGE ROAD TO MAPLE LAKE STATION.

Round trip tickets, going one way and coming back the other, can be obtained, including both the lakes of Muskoka and the Georgian Bay.

To ... Cottagers and Tourists

IT is gratifying to learn that the Government, and the municipalities as well, are alive to the expediency of encouraging the influx of summer visitors. The government has promised not to discriminate against Americans coming to the Muskoka region in the matter of fishing regulations, and, furthermore, will accede to the desire for the amendation of the assessment laws, enabling the municipal authorities to make special regulations for the partial exemptlon, at least, of cottagers from full yearly taxation. Hitherto cottagers have been placed upon a par with permanent residents in the matter of assessment, the assessors having had no alternative than that of assessing every one alike. A desire for power to discriminate in favor of the summer cottagers has

TORONTO CANOE CLUB CRUISING.

voluntarily emanated from some of the municipal authorities, and the Provincial Premier has signified his willingness to comply with the request. All this is a step in the right direction, the justice of which will be apparent when it is considered that the cottagers only occupy their premises during the summer holidays, and do not make any use of the schools or roads.

We understand that a scheme is already well matured for the periodical and thorough inspection of the sanitary arrangements of the Muskoka hotels and boarding houses, which is a most desirable precaution. The Muskoka Navigation Co. are the prime movers in all these reforms and we have no doubt about their perseverance in the grand mission of helping to make Muskoka one of the most attractive and satisfactory resorts upon this continent.

About Hotels

ALL through these charming waters may be found modest hotels and good boarding houses. The table is well provided, not with all the delicacies of the season, but with good substantial fare, which does not overtax those of modest income. This is true of all the resorts in this region, when we consider the amount of appetite-breeding ozone daily turned loose. However, if the proprietors of the hotels can stand it, the tourist public can.

GAINED TEN POUND IN TWO WEEKS.

It is worthy of note that nowhere in America—or for that matter, in the world—can the health and pleasure seeking tourist enjoy so much for so little money, or with such complete immunity from all extortion as in this district.

To those who contemplate visitting the Muskoka Lakes this summer for the first time, we append a list of the hotels, etc., together with their post office address, and it would be advisable to write as early as possible and secure rooms, so that there may be no disappointment.

(For Hotel Rates, etc., see Advertisements)

There has been published this year a new Index Map and Chart of the Muskoka Lakes, size 28 x 42. It gives the location of all the hotels, cottages, etc., and can be had from Wm. Tyrell & Co., 12 King Street W., Toronto.

Close Season for Fish and Game

Province of Ontario

FISHING.—Salmon trout and white fish, Nov. 1st to Nov. 30th; both days inclusive; fresh water herring, Oct. 15th to Nov. 30th; speckled trout, Sept. 15th to May 1st; brook and river trout, Sept. 15th to Jan. 1st; bass, April 15th to June 15th; pickerel, April 15th to May 15th; maskalonge, April 15th to June 15th.

Close season partridge, Dec. 15th to Sept. 15th; deer, Nov. 15th to Nov. 1st.

A Trip Through the Muskoka Lakes to Parry Sound

It was the writer's privilege to receive an invitation to join a small party in an excursion to Parry Sound. Our trip was to be by steamer to the head of Lake Joseph, thence by stage to the Ottawa and Parry Sound Railway, and by train to the Sound.

IT was in the early days of October, the air fresh and bracing, the sun imparting sufficient warmth to make sailing delightful. We left Gravenhurst at 2 o'clock in the afternoon by the *Kenozha*, steamed northward to Port Carling, here we were transferred to the *Ahmic*, the *Kenozha* continuing on her course for Port Rosseau. Our route lay in a northwesterly direction, with many a winding in and out among the islands, actually steering towards almost every point of the compass. At Port Sandfield we left Lake Rosseau and entered upon the pellucid waters of Lake Joseph. Here the islands seemed to be even more numerous and more densely wooded. Thus, at the close of the day, as the evening shadows were shutting the enchanting landscapes from our sight, the steamer makes fast to the wharf at Port Cockburn, where we were to pass the night.

If in summer the scenery of these island dotted lakes is beautiful, when each islet is like an emerald gem on the water—and it is charming then—its shifting vistas opening out in ever new kaleidescopic patterns, if these summer pictures so please that one never wearies in looking at them, where may words be found that can convey an adequate conception of their beauty to one who has not seen these landscapes in the glory of their autumnal dress, when nature has laid aside her mantle of green and robed herself in purple and crimson and gold. And yet there is no tawdriness, everything is in exquisite taste. From russet brown to blazing scarlet, each shade of color harmonizes perfectly, or by contrast imparts a richness to the whole. Continually, as we glide over the water, new views open

out each unlike the other, yet all resplendent with a loveliness peculiar to these days when flora wraps this gorgeous robe about her ere she sleeps.

Our party was too intent upon these ever changing scenes to find time for social amusement, yet we were not wholly without amusing incidents. One of the passengers was just an interrogation point, fastening himself upon our genial botanist, whose conversation added much to the pleasure of our trip. As our boat passed an island that sloped gently to the south, a small garden appeared in which were a number of very diminutive

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pumpkins. "What are those?" asked the questioner. In a fit of desperation our botanist replied, "Are you such a stupid that you don't know oranges when you see them?"

Yet was our botanist most agreeably communicative. Well-informed concerning the flora of the region, he imparted much interesting and valuable information. "On that island yonder," he would say, "grows a rare variety of pine. It is at home farther north, known to some as the

Grey Pine, it is the *Pinus Banksiana* of the botanies. On the shores of most of these islands you find the black Choke Berry growing just at the water's edge, fringing them in June with a profusion of white flowers. Yonder on the top of those bald rocks you can see some low-growing evergreens, those are the Alpine Jumper, a form of the common Jumper. On the main land, to our right, is a marsh ; were we nearer you would see that it is ablaze with the scarlet berries of one of our hollies. There too, in June, one will find plenty of flowers of the rose-colored Lady's Slipper, and of other Orchids as well. All of this part of Muskoka abounds in members of the heath family, of which there is a great number of species, not a few of them valued for their fruits, and some very pretty both in fruit and flower. Here too you will find the painted Trillhum,the Wood Oxalis, its white flowers most delicately veined with pink, and a host of other early summer flowers. Besides these there are Dogwoods, Honeysuckles, Viburnums, Spireas, and the Sweet Gale and Sweet Fern, both of which are prized for their sweet scented foliage." In such manner did he entertain us, as he pointed out from time to time the haunts of woodland beauties that grow on the islands, or on the shores of these fascinating lakes, or called us to see some specially attractive view. Those who take pleasure in a woodland stroll, gathering a bouquet of wild flowers, and especially those who have a botanical turn and wish to enrich their collection with specimens to be met with only in such localities, would find no outing more enjoyable, none more easily accessible, than amid the peculiar flora of this most healthy region.

We found a spacious and comfortable hostelry in the Summit House, at Port Cockburn. The summer guests had departed, the immense dining-hall deserted, but in a cosy room, in keeping with the present number of guests, we supped and breakfasted. In the morning we joined our botanist, already on the lawn critically examining a tree heavily laden with its fruit. Inquiring what he had found, he replied, "a Rim Ash." Our host promptly challenged his correctness, asserting very positively that it was a White Ash. "Now," says our botanist, "let us see what you know about it ! What is that tree ?" pointing to another standing but a few feet away. "That too is a White Ash," replies our host, "it has no seeds this year." "Do you know why ?" he was asked. "No, you don't !" for he made no reply. "Yes," says our now triumphant botanist, "that shows how much you know about ash trees. It has no

seeds ; it never will have ; it is the male, its flowers bear pollen only ; this tree is the female, it receives its pollen from that one ; in this way its flowers are fertilized and it bears seeds ; and, I tell you, it is a Rim Ash." Our host was silent, whether he was convinced that he was wrong in calling it White Ash cannot be told, he gave no sign.

After breakfast our party took stages for Maple Lake station, riding through a wooded country diversified with hill and dale, and frequent picturesque views of lakes and meadows. We were there in good time for the train, which brought us to the present terminus on the Sound, near the Rose Point House, a new hotel, embowered amid the trees, yet with a full view of the water in front. To our surprise, we found the house supplied with all the appointments of a first-class hotel, even to electric lighting. Dinner over, we were conveyed in the steam yacht to the city, returning in time to take the train for Maple Lake station, where the stages were in readiness to take us back to the Summit House. In the early dawn of the next morning the shrill whistle of the steamer summoned us on board, and taking a somewhat different route through the islands, landed us on the wharf at Gravenhurst as the clocks were telling out the hour of noon.

It was a delightful trip indeed ; one to be long remembered ; a bright, sunny episode in life's story.

D. W. Beadle.

Toronto, November 20th, 1896.

Burk's Falls and Magnetewan River

THE beauty of Muskoka lies as much in its rivers as in its lakes. The **Magnetawan River** is situated 60 miles north from Gravenhurst, at Burk's Falls, on the line of railway running to Lake Nipissing. The river is traversed daily by the Muskoka Navigation Company's steamer **Wenonah.** Fine speckled trout fishing is to be had in this district.

For 15 miles the river is followed, winding to and fro, as all Muskoka rivers seem to do, to the Village of Magnetawan, when passing through

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the locks, continues for 3 miles, and then enters the lovely lake **Ahmic,** on which is situated **Ahmic Harbor,** 40 miles from Burk's Falls. From here campers can continue their canoe trip 12 miles to Lake Wa-Wa-Kesh, and thence to Byng Inlet, about 55 miles away, on the Georgian Bay. In this distance there are twenty portages, of various lengths, some from one to two miles, but most are only a few yards. Their combined length is about eight miles, leaving forty-two miles of good canoeing water. It is a trip not to be attempted without Indian guides.

Hotels and Boarding Houses on The Lakes

Lake Muskoka

Minnewaska Hotel..	F. Hurlbut	Proprietor..	Gravenhurst P.O.
Windsor Hotel.....	W. McDivitt....	" .	"
Caledonia Hotel.. .	J. Sharpe.....	" ..	"
Private Board.....	Capt. J. Henry..	" ..	"
"	Mrs. F. Baillie..	" ..	"
"	Wm. Smith	" ..	"
Rossclair.	W. T. Noble ...	" ..	"
Beaumaris Hotel...	E. Prowse.....	"	..Beaumaris P.O.
Clifton House.....	J. Board	"	..Bala P.O.
Bala Falls Hotel....	T. Currie.....	" ..	"
Milford Bay House..	R. Stroud.....	"	..Milford Bay P.O.
Robinson House....	T. M. Robinson.	"	..Gravenhurst P.O.
Camp Sutton House.	E. B. Sutton....	"	..Whiteside P.O.
Hazel Glen Cottages.	R. O. Miller....	"	..Gravenhurst P.O.

Port Carling River

Stratton House.....	John Fraser....	Proprietor..	Port Carling P.O.
London House.....	S. Cope.....	" ..	"

Lake Rosseau

Windermere House..	T. Aitken.....	Proprietor..	Windermere P.O.
Fife House.....	D. Fife	" ..	"
Maplehurst House..	J. P. Brown....	"	..Maplehurst P.O.
Monteith House....	J. Monteith.....	"	..Rosseau P.O.
Cleveland House....	Mrs. Minett....	"	..Minett P.O.
Woodington Hotel..	M. Woods	"	..Woodington P.O.
Ernscliffe House....	A. Judd.....	"	..Juddhaven P.O.
Newport House....	G. W. Brabant..	"	..Aspdin P.O.

Between Lakes Joseph and Rosseau

Prospect House	E. Cox.....	Proprietor..	Port Sandfield P.O.

Lake Joseph

Summit House.....	H. Fraser & Sons.	Proprietors..	Port Cockburn P.O.
Hamill's Point Hotel.	Mrs. Hamill	Proprietor ..	Hamill's Point P.O.
Craigie-Lea House..	Miss J. P. Creigh.	" ..	Craigie-Lea P.O.
Stanley House.....	W. B. Maclean..	" ..	Stanley House P.O.
Barnesdale House ..	J. J. Barnes	" ..	Gordon Bay P.O.

Maple Lake Coach Route

Sword's Hotel.....	J. Sword.....	Proprietor..	Maple Lake Sta. P.O.

Magnetawan Route

Burk's Falls

Burk House.....	D. F. Burk.....	Proprietor..	Burk's Falls P.O.
Clifton House.....	S. E. Brodier...	" ..	"

Magnetawan Village

Magnetawan House.	J. Kyle.....	Proprietor..	Magnetawan P.O.
Grand View House..	J. Heavener	" ..	"

Cecebe

Cecebe House.....	W. A. Cowan ..	Proprietor..	Cecebe P.O.
Linden House.....	Scott Milne.....	" ..	"

Ahmic Harbor

Cliffbourne House..	M. Williams	Proprietor..	Ahmic Harbor P.O.

Georgian Bay Route

Rose Point Hotel...	W. F. Thompson.	Proprietor..	Parry Sound P.O.
Belvidere Hotel.....	The Manager...	" ..	"

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Owen Sound.

M. BURTON, Manager,
Collingwood.

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